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Born in rural South Australia, Lyndon joined the RAAF in 1980 as an engineering cadet. After completing a BEng in Explosive Ordnance in 1983, he served in a variety of engineering positions within the RAAF, specialising in weapon systems and explosive ordnance (EO). After completing an MSc in EO engineering at Cranfield University, UK in 1991, Lyndon undertook several RAAF postings and, in a joint capacity, including as the Defence Chief Engineer for EO, three years on exchange with the UK Ministry of Defence in Bristol, and ultimately as the Director of Ordnance Safety within Joint Logistics Command.

He exited the RAAF in early 2006 following a distinguished career having attained the rank of Group Captain and took up a position as Canberra Area Manager for Novare Pty Ltd, a firm which specialised in providing engineering and logistics consultancy services. This firm was subsequently bought by the UK based company, QinetiQ, for whom he still works.

Lyndon was introduced to Engineering Heritage Canberra (EHC) in August 2004, at the time he was transitioning to civilian employment. In 2007 Lyndon took the Chair of EHC and occupied that position until 2017 when he switched to being Secretary. During his 10 years as Chairman of EHC Lyndon made considerable contributions to the cause of engineering heritage both in Canberra and nationally. One highlight of his term was chairing the 2013 National Engineering Heritage Conference held in Canberra.

Lyndon was responsible for the nomination and recognition of a number of engineering heritage works in the ACT, including the Tidbinbilla Space Tracking Station, The Australian War Memorial Technology Collection, and The Parliament Houses of Canberra and oversaw recognition of several other sites.

Lyndon represented the Canberra Division on the Engineering Heritage National Committee from Nov 2006 until Dec 2017. He was Assistant Editor of the EHA Newsletter for five years and contributed material to and participated in the technical review committee for the Centenary of Canberra Engineering book.

An interest in the historical aspects of engineering was inevitable with blacksmiths and mechanics in the lineage notably Rex Patterson Tilbrook, the inventor and manufacturer of the Tilbrook motorcycle. He is an active member of the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Clubs in the ACT and in South Australia. Lyndon restored and owns a vintage Tilbrook 125cc racing bike and sidecar which he regularly enters in club events.

